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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 06-BAP-1
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California's Bioenergy Action Plan)	
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Notice of Availability

Bioenergy Action Plan: Progress to Plan

On June 11, 2007, the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group (Working Group) conducted a one-day public meeting to identify and address market barriers and propose solutions for expanding sustainable biomass development in California. Based on the presentations and public testimony received at that meeting, the Energy Commission staff has prepared a draft staff paper entitled *Bioenergy Action Plan: Progress to Plan*. Vice Chair James D. Boyd, who chairs the Working Group and the Working Group Members are soliciting public comments on this draft *Progress to Plan* document.

Nine state agencies comprise the Working Group, which includes the California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Commission, Department of Food and Agriculture, Air Resources Board, Department of Fire and Forestry Protection, State Water Resources Control Board, Tahoe Conservancy, the Integrated Waste Management Board, along with the California Resources Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency.

At the June 11, 2007, public meeting, these agencies reviewed their progress in achieving the objectives of the Bioenergy Action Plan, which carries out the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order S-06-06 on Biomass, issued on April 25, 2006. This Order established targets for the production and use of biofuels and biopower and directed state agencies with important biomass connections to work together to advance biomass programs in California, while providing environmental protection and mitigation.

The Executive Order further directed the Energy Commission to biannually report through its *Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)* on progress made in achieving sustainable biomass development in California. While progress is being made in achieving the state's commitments outlined in the Plan, much more work is needed to achieve the state's bioenergy targets, as outline in the draft *Progress to Plan*. When finalized, the *Progress to Plan* will be submitted to the Energy Commission's docket for the 2007 IEPR proceeding.

A copy of the draft paper is available free of charge on the Energy Commission's web page at:

www.energy.state.ca.us/bioenergy_action_plan/

Written comments on the staff paper must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 31 2007, to be considered in the public record of the *2007 IEPR*. Parties should include both docket numbers **No. 06-BAP-1 and 06-IEP-1** and indicate **2007 IEPR –Bioenergy Action Plan** in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to docket@energy.state.ca.us. All written materials will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Questions regarding the *Bioenergy Action Plan* should be directed to Susan J. Brown, Special Advisor to Commissioner Boyd, at (916) 654-4741, or via e-mail at sbrown@energy.state.ca.us. Questions regarding the *2007 IEPR* proceeding should be directed to Lorraine White, IEPR program manager, at (916) 654-4075 or by email at lwhite@energy.state.ca.us. Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989. For technical questions regarding the subject matter of this paper, please contact Valentino Tiangco by phone at (916) 654-4664, or by e-mail at vtiangco@energy.state.ca.us.

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